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FATHER AND SON CHARGED IN COCAINE OPERATION

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Pat Meehan, FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Janice Fedarczyk, and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ charging defendant Ricardo McKendrick, Sr. and Ricardo McKendrick, Jr. each with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. The indictment further charges Ricardo McKendrick, Sr. with one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to the indictment, the defendants stored approximately 274 kilograms of cocaine in their Philadelphia house, along with \$6,028 United States currency, packaging materials, a hydraulic press for making kilogram “bricks” of cocaine, and scales. Defendant Ricardo McKendrick, Jr., stored approximately \$982,144 in United States currency in the trunk of his Mercedes at his primary residence in Woodstown, New Jersey. Defendant Ricardo McKendrick, Sr., possessed a firearm for the purpose of protecting the drug supply and money.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Ricardo McKendrick, Sr.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	56 years old
Ricardo McKendrick, Jr.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	36 years old

If convicted, defendant Ricardo McKendrick, Sr. faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a statutory mandatory minimum of life imprisonment, a \$16.25 million fine, at least ten years up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a \$300 special assessment.

If convicted, defendant Ricardo McKendrick, Jr. faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a statutory mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, an \$8 million fine, at least five years up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

¹ An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Curtis R. Douglas and Leo R. Tsao.

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